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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS IN
FEDERAL PRISON FOR FIREARMS TRAFFICKING**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that DAVID HUNTER, 46, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker following his guilty plea to “lying and buying”, that is, making false statements in connection with the acquisition of firearms from a federally licensed firearms dealer. This case, which was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives was prosecuted as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative to reduce gun violence.

HUNTER purchased 49 handguns between the years 2000 and 2005. In connection with the purchase of each gun, HUNTER represented that he was the actual buyer of the gun when in fact he purchased the guns so that he could trade them for crack cocaine. Twenty-two of the 49 guns that HUNTER purchased were recovered in other cities.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed two years supervised release following HUNTER' s release from imprisonment and ordered HUNTER to attend substance abuse treatment.

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